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BEGIN SUMMARY. MISSION BELIEVES IT BEST AT THIS TIME TO SEPARATE
UK PAPER " ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE" FROM A STUDY OF NEW NUCLEAR
WEAPON TECHNOLOGY. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT THE US APPROVE
UK PAPER, LESS PARA 13, AND AGREE TO ITS CIRCULATION TO NPG
COUNTRIES AS AN INITIAL INPUT TO THE REVIEW OF THE NUCLEAR
ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE REQUESTED BY NPG MINISTERS IN ANKARA
(REF C)). WE BELIEVE THAT S STUDY OF NEW WEAPON TECHNOLOGY
AND OF ITS IMPACT ON DETERRENCE, COLLATERAL DAMAGE, ETC. WOULD
BE USEFUL, BUT RECOMMENDED THAT WASHINGTON CAREFULLY REVIEW UNDER-
TAKING SUCH A STUDY IN NATO NOW. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION SEES UK PAPER " ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE" AS A VERY
THOUGHTFUL AND USEFUL PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO NPG
COUNTRIES LESS PARA 13 AS AN INITIAL EFFORT TO RESPOND TO
NPG MINISTERS' REQUEST IN ANKARA TO PERMREPS TO CONSIDER THE
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VALUE OF A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF
DETERRENCE (REF (C) PARA 21 AND REF (B) PARA 8). SUCH A PAPER
RESPONDING TO THE MINISTERIAL REQUEST WOULD NOT BE THE BEST PLACE
TO PROPOSE DETAILS OF A STUDY OF NEW WEAPON TECHNOLOGY. WE NOTE

THAT A PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE STUDY OF NEW WEAPON TECHNOLOGY IS ALREADY IN THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE 10-12 APRIL MEETING OF AD HOC PHASE III STUDY TEAM AND WAS ALLUDED TO IN US PHASE II WEAPONRY PAPER.

2. WE, LIKE THE FRG (REF (E)), BELIEVE THAT A SEPARATE STUDY (NOT RELATED TO PHASE II) OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY WOULD APPEAR USEFUL. INCLUDING A STUDY OF FUTURE WEAPONS SYSTEMS IN PHASE II COULD NOT ONLY DELAY COMPLETION OF PHASE II EFFORT BUT MAY ALSO DELAY COMPLETION OF PHASE III ON GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOW- ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. THE DECISION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF NEW NUCLEAR WEAPON TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER THOROUGHLY ANALYZING THE EFFECT SUCH A DECISION WOULD HAVE ON OUR ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THE FRG. IT COULD FEED FRG FEARS THAT THE US IS QUESTIONING CURRENT STRATEGIC DOCTRINE AND HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO SWITCH FROM THE MC 14/3 STRATEGY (REF (D)). THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNDERTAKING SUCH A STUDY WOULD INDICATE THAT DESPITE US OFFICIAL DENIALS, THE US MADE THE DECISION TO DEVELOP OR DEPLOY NEW TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND IS NOW TRYING TO SELL ITS ALLIES ON ACCEPTING THE NEW SYSTEMS. (NOTE: BOTH THE KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER SPEECHES, THE PRESS SPECULATION ON " MINI- NUCS", AND THE ANKARA NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING HAVE OCCURED SINCE THE AD HOC PHASE II STUDY TEAM MET LAST ON 10-12 APRIL AND DECIDED TO PURSUE THE TOPIC OF NEW WEAPON TECHNOLOGY).

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE COMMENTS WE RECOMMEND A LETTER TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FRG AND UK MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC PHASE II STUDY TEAM.

BEGIN TEXT:

" THE UNITED STATES STUDY TEAM MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT THE UK PAPER " ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE" LESS PARAGRAPH 13 SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO NPG COUNTRIES AS AN INITIAL INPUT TO THE PERMREP
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CONSIDERATION OF THE VALUE OF UNDERTAKING A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PAPER, LESS PARAGRAPH 13, STANDS BY ITSELF AND WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR FURTHER ACTION ON THE SUBJECT.

" WE FAVOR THE DELETION OF PARAGRAPH 13 BECAUSE IT WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS AND MAY CREATE PROBLEMS WHICH, WHILE NOT ESSENTIAL TO COMPLETION OF PHASE II, COULD DELAY THIS COMPLETION AND OUR PROGRESS IN TO PHASE III. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPON SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY, AND THE FORUM IN WHICH A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF OUR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER." END TEXT.

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